tion was not unfairly described in a letter, apparently from a Chinese correspondent, dated March 24, to a Shanghai journal:—

> /'He (Dr. Sun) is the sole and direct cause of instigating the weary warfare that continues to be waged with its terrible toll of life and infliction of misery and privation on thousands of his countrymen. It is he who is responsible for the revival of the licensed gambling houses ana the direct encouragement of this awful curse. Not content with this shameful expedient for raising money he has authorized and upholds the most barefaced system'of robbery in the form of illegal taxation, in twenty different ways, the theft of public and private lands and property, the most outrageous press-gang system, and, in short, the adoption of methods for extorting money and recruits for his armies from the whole territory under his evil control that rank far above those adopted by the most ruthless of any of China's Warlords."

On May 13 a rumour was in circulation in Canton that Dr. Sun was dead. He was reported to have succumbed to brain fever. Unconvincing denials of his death were characteristically given out by Mr. Eugene Chen, who stated that" Dr. Sun doesn't see why he should prove to enemies and fools that he is not dead." The local correspondent of Renter's Agency, Mr. Hin Wong, attempted to secure an interview to verify the report that he was alive. He was promptly arrested and sentenced to ten year's imprisonment on a false charge of fabricating rumours !

From a reliable source, a few months later, the writer obtained what appears to be a plausible explanation of this incident. Dr. Sun was be-

coming increasingly intolerant and suspicious of all around him. He would suddenly, and with no evidence denounce one of his entourage as a traitor and order his punishment or execution. On n he picked out a particularly prominent